MEETING OF THE SUNNYSIDE DIVISION BOARD OF CONTROL

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Division Board of Control (SDBOC) was held in-person and via conference call, and was called to order by Chairman Simpson on March 4, 2025, at 1:30 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Paul Groeneweg, Dave Michels, and Kevin Golob; David Felman, SDBOC Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager- Engineering, and Nikki Musson, SDBOC Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager. Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Division Board of Control and Director Mike Hogue participated via phone. Also in attendance was Chad Stuart, USBR Yakima Field Office Manager.

The minutes of the February 4, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Stuart presented the USBR annual summary to the Board. Mr. Stuart reviewed the maintenance and operation schedules, staff replacements, 2025 preliminary water forecast, and up-coming budget details.

The Board reviewed the vouchers numbered 6477-6509 in the total amount of \$367,229.83 which were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Director Michels which was seconded and unanimously carried, authorizing payment of the vouchers as listed above.

Ms. Musson presented the 2024 draft year-end financials for SDBOC. The year-end financials will be filed with the SAO on or before May 31st.

Mr. Felman presented the water supply report. As of March 4, 2025, storage in the mountain reservoirs is at 237,286 acre-feet or 22% of capacity. Storage content is 37.2% of average. Precipitation for the year to date (Oct 1 to March 4) is 123.18 inches or 76% of average. Snow pack is 91% of average for the period of October 1st through March 4th.

Mr. Felman presented the priming schedule for Board approval with priming to begin on March 17, 2025. A motion was made by Director Golob which was seconded, and unanimously carried, approving the beginning of the 2025 water season on Monday, March 17th.

The provided dates for priming the laterals are as follows:

Head Gate	Monday March 17, 2025
Lower Division	Wednesday March 19, 2025
Snipes Lateral, Mabton	Monday March 24, 2025
30.20, 23.10, 39.79 and 48.04	Tuesday March 25, 2025
Prosser, 49.71 and others as needed	Wednesday March 26, 2025

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on ELIPS. Next winter the District will be piping laterals 29.68 and 49.90. The 25/26 ELIPS landowner letters were mailed out on February 14th with a meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 4th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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